GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5568
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DONORS OF HUMAN ORGANS
VIJAY GOEL

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are a very small number of donors of human organs at present;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to motivate more and more number of persons to donate human organs;

(c) whether the number of donors of eyes has come down over the years; and

(d) if so, the number of donors of eyes during each of the last three years and the efforts being made to swell such number of donors?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) `Eye donation fortnight` was observed from 24th August to 10th September, 1999. During this period, public awareness was created through media, posters and personal contacts. This is being made an annual event. All patients coming to clinic and OPD at R.P. Centre, AIIMS are requested and given donor cards and the staff working at the Centre are being trained about the Eye Bank Clinic and eye donation. These people can sensitize the relatives better.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) As per information available with the Government the requisite information is given below:-

Year	Eyes collected
1996	13463
1997	14411
1998	15194